

Iowa Department of Public Health

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FACT SHEET

Comprehensive Cancer Control – Colorectal and Cervical Cancer

The FY 2008 state funds for the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (\$500,000) and colorectal and cervical cancer screening (\$200,000) are working to help reduce the burden of cancer in lowa through prevention and early detection of cancer, effective treatment for persons with a cancer diagnosis, and quality of life enhancements for cancer survivors across the state. The funds are being used in the following manner:

- The University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center was awarded a contract in October 2007 to provide management services for the Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control (ICCCC). \$65,000
- The IDPH has designated one full time equivalent (FTE) position to support administration of activities associated with the implementation of the state cancer control plan. The FTE is supporting the development, implementation and monitoring of new colorectal cancer screening activities and administrative responsibilities associated with the work of the seven ICCCC groups implementing the state cancer control plan.
- Colorectal cancer screening is being offered to 1,200 lowans through the new *lowa Get Screened* program. Outreach, education, screening and treatment referral are being offered through the new program that serves low-income, uninsured and underinsured lowans. Options are being explored for additional screening and treatment opportunities. Reach: University of lowa Health Care (700 persons); Genesis Health System (500 persons). Potential for additional activity statewide.
- State funds are used in combination with federal funds to support the evaluation of the state cancer plan implementation projects, partnership program coordination, and maintenance and further development of the Iowa Cancer Web Portal (www.canceriowa.org). State funds provide leverage for award of \$255,000 in federal funds through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Iowa's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. The IDPH is required to demonstrate a 1:5 cost share for its current agreement with the CDC.
- The ICCCC implementation groups are using state funding to implement strategies from Iowa's state cancer control plan. These strategies include sponsoring a statewide conference on tobacco-free worksites; linking Iowans to cancer services and resources through the Cancer Resource Connection; educating health care providers and cancer survivors on palliative care and quality of life; distributing tool kits with educational resources on the link between nutrition, physical activity and cancer. Reach: Statewide. \$42,000
- Funds for cervical cancer screening are being used in the Iowa Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, the state's screening program for low-income, uninsured and underinsured women age 40 64 to provide services to more eligible women. Outreach is being conducted to enroll women that have rarely or never received a Pap test. Reimbursement for 2,320 Pap tests is paid to enrolled program health care providers across the state. This funding will be documented as match for the state's cooperative agreement with the CDC for federal funds. Reach: Women from all lowa counties are eligible to enroll in the program and receive cervical screening. \$130,000